

REMARKS

The independent claims have been amended to state that the connection is not only rigid but an unrotatable one as well. The unrotatable aspect of the invention is clearly indicated in the specification and depicted in the drawings.

Claim 7 has been canceled, leaving claims 4 to 6 and 8 to 12 before the Examiner for consideration.

The rejection of claims 4 to 10 under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Paw et al. '486, if applied to the claims as amended, is respectfully traversed. As noted above, the independent claims have been changed to specify that the connection is a rigid and an unrotatable one. No such arrangement is taught in or suggested by the reference.

Page 5 of the Office Action contains the Examiner's comments that the plate member of Paw et al. '486 is the non-moving part of the switch blade 24, said to be rigidly connected as required by applicant's claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has misinterpreted the reference because the disclosure at column 2, lines 43 to 45 informs the reader that interrupters 16 are

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operated by rotation of insulators 18, which are rotatably mounted with respect to switch 20; see Fig. 1. Thus, there is movement in that part of the structure of the prior art device. The instant claims have been amended patentably to distinguish over such a teaching. The rejection should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 11 and 12 under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over Paw et al. '486 in view of Austin '080, if applied to both claims, is also respectfully traversed. Claims 11 and 12 have also been revised to specify a non-rotating aspect ("unrotatably"). The secondary reference was cited to show a supporting structure within the group of the supporting structures indicated in claims 11 and 12. The secondary reference, however, does not overcome that which is missing from the primary reference and the rejection should be withdrawn as well.

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The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if additional changes are required in the case prior to allowance.

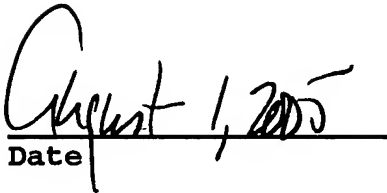
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